

Fun Day Hikes on Chelan Ranger District

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Stormy Mountain #1233

Get away from the hustle and bustle of Chelan! Bring a picnic lunch for this scenic loop drive and 1.5 mile hike. Great for families. This top of the world hike is not long, but will give you a workout due to the elevation. You will have earned a fantastic view when you reach the top of Stormy Mountain.

Difficulty: Moderate

Suitability for Children: Fair to Good

Use: Horses, hikers, mountain bikes and trail bikes.

Character: Open ridge 6500' - 7200' elevation.

Length: 1.5 miles

Driving directions from Chelan: Take Hwy 97A south for 3.5 miles to South Shore Rd. Continue west on South Shore Rd for 16 miles (past 25 Mile Creek area) to Shady Pass Rd/#5900. Take a left on Rd #5900, go 2.5 miles to Slide Ridge Rd/#8410. Take a left on Rd. #8410, go 16 miles to trailhead. Approx. 1 and ½ hours from Chelan. (Pick-up/ Sport utility vehicle recommended)

Devil's Backbone #1448

This trail gives day hikers several options. One popular route is to get dropped off at the Stormy Mountain trailhead, and hike back to Snowberry Park via the Devil's Backbone and Pot Peak trails. Hiking the whole length of the Devil's Backbone requires transportation at both ends.

Difficulty: Moderate (steep and rocky in places)

Suitability for Children: Low to Fair

Use: Horses, hikers, mountain bikes and trail bikes.

Character: High elevation (trail begins at 6520' & ends at 6121') rocky ridge.

Length: 13 miles

Driving directions from Chelan: Take Hwy 97A south for 3.5 miles to South Shore Rd. Continue west on South Shore Rd. for 16 (past 25 Mile Creek area) miles to Shady Pass Rd/#5900. Take a left on Rd #5900 for 15 miles to the junction with the spur rd. to Handy Springs Campground and bear left at the fork. Approx. 1 and ½ hours from Chelan. (Pick-up/ Sport utility vehicle recommended)

Pot Peak #1266

A real workout! It's only 4 miles to the top of Pot Peak from Snowberry Bowl campground, but it's steep enough to make you feel it. Take plenty of water and a hiking stick.

Difficulty: Most difficult

Suitability for Children: Not suitable for young children.

Use: Horses, hikers, mountain bikes and trail bikes.

Character: Pot Peak elevation is 4708'.

Mature pine forest.

Length: 9.5 miles

Driving directions from Chelan: Take Hwy 97A south for 4 miles to South Shore Rd. Continue west on South Shore Rd for 16 miles (past 25 Mile Creek area) to Shady Pass Rd/#5900. Take a left on Rd #5900, go 2.5 miles to Slide Ridge Rd/#8410. Take a left on Rd. #8410 for .5 mile. Follow signs towards Snowberry Bowl Campground. Trailhead is just before Snowberry. Approx. 30 minutes from Chelan. (Pick-up/ Sport utility vehicle recommended)

North Fork 25- Mile Creek #1265

After contouring a hillside for the first quarter mile, this trail parallels North Fork 25- Mile Creek. It is probably our most pleasant down-lake hiking trail, with shady spots and cool creek side nooks spread along the path. The trail climbs gently for 3 miles (except for 1 short, but very steep section), then turns steep.

Difficulty: Easy to more difficult

Suitability for Children: Good

Use: Horses, hikers, mountain bikes and trail bikes.

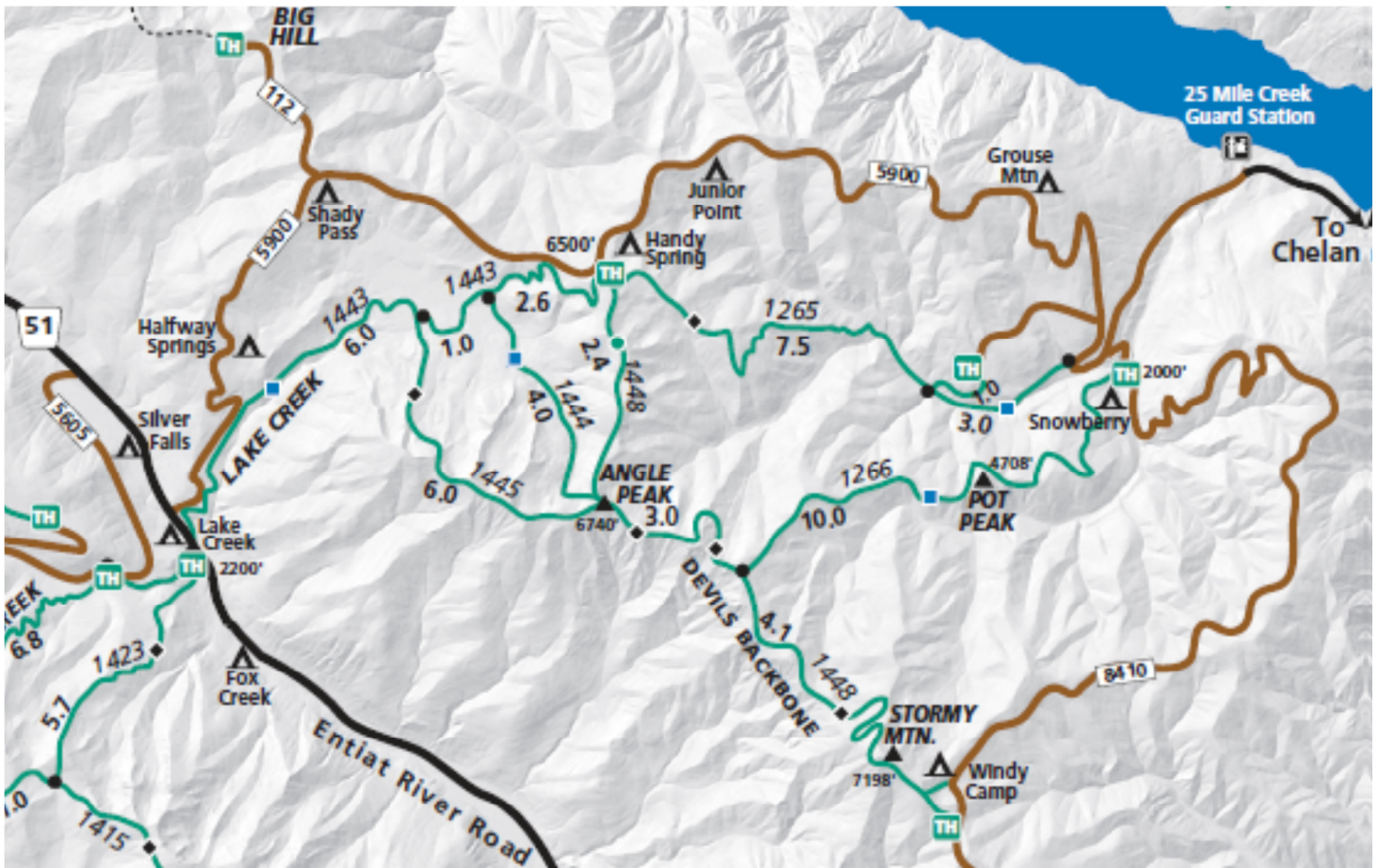
Character: Forest; babbling stream.

Length: 10 miles

Driving directions from Chelan: Take Hwy 97A south for 3.5 miles to South Shore Rd. Continue west on South Shore Rd for 16 miles (past 25 Mile Creek area) to Shady Pass Rd/#5900. Take a left on Rd #5900, go about 3.25 miles. A good place to park is the clearing by the switchback on Rd. #5900. Trail begins 700 yds. past the trailhead sign. Approx. 30 minutes from Chelan. (Pick-up/ Sport utility vehicle recommended)



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A few Quick Tips

Day hiking around Chelan presents some particular challenges and opportunities for hikers due to the rather hot and dry climate is during a typical summer day.

Make sure you carry adequate water when hiking around Chelan.

Be prepared for such inconveniences as cheatgrass seeds clinging to your socks and dusty trail conditions.

It's a good idea to carry a few snacks and a pocket- sized first aid kit with you.

Be aware that you are hiking in rattlesnake and tick habitat when traveling at lower elevations.

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